

MINUTES
TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING
July 28, 2021

Meeting conducted via Zoom video conferencing. Handouts were emailed July 26 to include: (1) Agenda; (2) Minutes of the February 24, 2021 meeting and (3) WRATS Project Status Report.

Ms. Jessica Bird called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m. and ran through a few housekeeping items.

ATTENDEES

Jessica Bird	Tim Andrews	Forrest Walker	Mike Brumfield
Greg Boike	Kaniz Sathi	Tom Caiafa	Ann-Marie Day
David Hale	Ken Robinson	Bill Mulkey	Michael Johnson

A motion was made by Mr. Mike Brumfield and seconded by Mr. Greg Boike to approve the February 24, 2021 minutes as circulated. The motion was passed unanimously.

Share information on planning efforts in our area

Ms. Jessica Bird announced that there are two planning efforts happening right now in the Middle Georgia region. She said the first one is the Houston County Joint Comprehensive Plan, which includes the Cities of Centerville, Perry, and Warner Robins. According to Ms. Bird, the Joint Comprehensive plan shapes growth, development, and improvement and is required for governments to become Qualified Local Governments in Georgia. She said interested individuals could complete a short survey at <https://tinyurl.com/HoustonCompPlan21>.

The Middle Georgia-Robins Air Force Base Sustainability Plan is also underway, stated Ms. Bird. She explained that this plan supports the long-term viability of Robins Air Force Base, and encourages future mission expansion and local growth. According to Ms. Bird, more information can be found on the project website at www.robinsafbsp.com. She announced that the first public meeting is scheduled for August 5 at 5:30 PM in the Georgia VECTR Center.

Mr. Greg Boike with the Middle Georgia Regional Commission encouraged everyone to come out to the public meeting next week and told committee members that the information presented at the public meeting is the same information that was shared at the kickoff meeting on June 16.

Environmental Justice (EJ) data discussion

Ms. Jessica Bird used a PowerPoint presentation to explain Environmental Justice (EJ) and the transportation disadvantaged population. She described the socioeconomic characteristics of minority, low-income, poverty, disability, Limited English Proficiency (LEP), and no vehicle availability. Ms. Bird used maps, charts, and U.S. Census Bureau 2010-2014 and 2015-2019 ACS 5-year estimates to illustrate these socioeconomic

characteristics for Houston and Peach Counties. She stated that effective transportation decision making requires understanding and addressing the unique needs of many different socioeconomic groups.

WRATS Project Status Report

Mr. Harland Smith, GDOT District 3 Planning and Programming Coordinator did not participate in the meeting but did provide a project report that was previously emailed to the committee.

No committee members had comments or questions about the report during the meeting, but Ms. Jessica Bird said she would forward any she received to Mr. Smith.

There being no further business, Mr. Tim Andrews made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Mike Brumfield seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.